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# DEMAND COMPLETE RECOUNT

## Huge Error Uncovered In Voting

Discovery of a huge tabulation error in one of Torrance's voting precincts at the April 10 municipal election was led to a demand that all precincts be recounted. Attorney David Lyman, who first challenged the tabulation of votes in Precinct 46, yesterday demanded a full recount after a check of the questioned precinct showed a total of 447 ballots as they said they did, votes had not been credited to candidates.

Recount of votes in the 46th precinct Friday by a special election board Friday turned up errors which were described as "monumental discrepancies" and left officials puzzled about how such a major mistake could be made.

IN CALLING for the complete recount, Lyman said he believed the City Council had a duty to see it done, "and if they do not see fit to do so, I will contribute my own time and money to take this matter to the Superior Court and force a recount of the ballots."

MOST MARKED change in the tabulation was a result of the recount was among candidates for the City Council where errors were as high as 1300 per cent in one case.

Ken Miller, who was credited with 27 votes in the original tally, wound up with 104 in the recount. Lyman, who issued the challenge, went from 27 votes to 76 votes. Jean Clawson went from 15 to 56. "There is just no way to explain it logically," City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said.

REMELMEIER said Friday after completion of the recount that further investigation into the first tabulation on election night would be necessary. He had told members of the City Council Tuesday night that he was reasonably sure the count was right after he had checked with members of the precinct board.

"I was wrong," he said Friday. "If they tabulated the

## Coil Plans Class for Workers

Changes in the procedure for selecting precinct workers and a strict check on qualifications of those selected was vowed Friday by City Clerk Vernon Coil following revelation of the substantial errors in tabulation of at least one city precinct in the April 10 election.

"We will organize a training school and all precinct board members will be required to attend the course," Coil said. He indicated that certificates of proficiency would be designed and all board members required to possess one before being appointed to serve.

## Arrest Set Monday In Inglewood

A 20-year-old woman and her 23-year-old boy friend were returned from Florida yesterday by Torrance police to face charges as the alleged slayers of a milkman here last September 12.

Peggy Erbland and Jack Abbott Jr. were booked at

Torrance jail yesterday afternoon after being returned from confinement in Florida by Det. Lt. Don Hamilton and Police Matron Maxine Hahn. The pair were serving forged sentences in Florida and were released for return to California after they waived extradition. The return flight was without incident, Lieutenant Hamilton said.

THE ERBLAND woman and Abbott will be arraigned in Inglewood Municipal Court Monday on a complaint charging they murdered Charles J. B. Miller after they left a Torrance bar last September and then dumped his body on the parking lot at West High School.

The murder complaint was issued in April by J. Miller Leavy, deputy district attorney in Inglewood. A warrant was issued on the basis of the complaint.

ACCOMPANYING Hamilton to Florida was Sgt. R. A. Hopkinson of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

After being booked here yesterday, the Erbland woman and Abbott were taken to County Jail to await Monday's court appearance.



G. S. WILLIAMSON  
Takes Chest Post

## Mill Gets Top Aide For Drive

G. S. (Stan) Williamson has been named vice chairman in the 1962-63 Harbor Area Community Chest campaign. Fred Mills, chairman, said yesterday.

Williamson, manager of the Shell Chemical Co.'s Torrance plant, participated in last year's Chest campaign in Gardena.

As vice chairman he will share the responsibility with other leaders for the Chest drive throughout the Harbor Area cities.

A native of Vancouver, B.C., Williamson came to California in 1956, where he has since been active with other Chest campaigns before settling in this area.

"WE NEED the support of everyone in all these Harbor Area communities," Williamson said, "to ensure Chest support for 170 charitable causes."

"It is the duty of every citizen to participate as well as contribute to the campaign to meet their community obligations," Williamson added.

A MEMBER of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Williamson has been employed by Shell Chemical for 26 years. He was transferred from Vancouver to California.

He lives with his wife and two sons at 1024 Grand Via Altomira, Palos Verdes. One son is in high school and the other attends an art center in Los Angeles.

When time permits, Williamson can be found pursuing his favorite hobby — golfing.

## Officer to Talk on 'Youthful Driver'

Torrance Police Officer A. L. Jackson will speak on "The Youthful Driver" Monday at a meeting of the Traffic Safety Council. The luncheon meeting is scheduled for noon at 1925 W. Carson St.



IN HIGH SIERRA . . . Inglewood and Torrance exchange students see American free enterprise system in action as they visit Southern California Edison Co.'s world-famous multi-purpose Big Creek-San Joaquin River hydroelectric development in the High Sierra. Chatting with Roy Cowden (left), Edison's northern hydro superintendent, in one of the Big Creek powerhouses are (left to right) Pauline Hogeweg of the Netherlands, Robert Hens of Belgium, and Giovanni de Chiara of Italy.

## Exchange Students Visit Big Creek Power Complex

Seventeen exchange students, representing 13 nations of Europe, North and South America, were weekend guests at Southern California Edison Co.'s world-famous multi-purpose hydroelectric complex in the High Sierra.

Included among the guests were Pauline Hogeweg of the Netherlands, who is living with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Collier, 3311 W. 115th St., Inglewood; Robert Hens from Belgium, who is residing with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Rowe, 303 W. 220th St., Torrance; and Gio-

vanni de Chiara of Italy, who is living with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Smith, 4864 W. 97th St., Inglewood.

The students were shown the powerhouses, dams and man-made recreation lakes which comprise the Edison Co.'s Big Creek - San Joaquin River development.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to get better acquainted with these students from other lands and, also to show them — first hand — an example of American free enterprise in action," said Roy Cowden, Edison's northern hydro division superintendent who served as one of the hosts for the tour.

"The company's Big Creek system, built entirely without government funds, is truly multiple-purpose in that it provides controlled irrigation, flood control, and recreation benefits, as well as vital electric power generation," Cowden pointed out.

## Phone Company Employment Office Opening

Pacific Telephone will open an employment office in Torrance Monday for the convenience of South Bay area women.

It will be housed at 2154 Torrance Blvd., where Pacific has maintained a business office since March 26, said local manager R. S. (Dick) Pyle.

Interviewer Margaret Hamilton and receptionist Pearl Norman will occupy the first-floor office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Cosby to Compete in Music Festival

Seventeen-year-old William Cosby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cosby, has been selected to compete in the International Accordion Championships in New York in June, it was announced yesterday.

Cosby, an outstanding jazz accordionist, will be one of the representatives of major U.S. regions who will compete with players from other nations in the competition, according to spokesmen for the American Accordionists Assn., sponsors of the event.

Cosby is a junior at Torrance High School. He will be featured in a recital at Bettie Thomas Studio, 1215 Crenshaw, at 2 p.m. today.

## 'Hire a Veteran' Week Begins Monday

"Hire a Veteran Week" will begin Monday and last through Saturday in Torrance and Los Angeles County, Stanley Heiman, chairman of the Veterans Employment Committee, and Murray W. Love, manager of the Torrance office of the California State Employment Service, announced yesterday.

Governor Brown has issued formal proclamations drawing the community's attention to the importance of veterans of the nation's armed forces in the local labor force.

The proclamations point out that there are a number of veterans out of work at the present time, and urge employers to place their job orders with the Employment Service, where qualified veterans are given priority to referral of job openings.

Manager Love reported that some 1,300 veterans are now

registered for work with the Torrance office.

"HIRE A VETERAN Week" is being directed in the Torrance area by Melvin E. Sparks, veterans employment representative, working with the Employment Service and the following local veterans' organization representatives: Earle Sumpter, commander, American Legion Post 170, Torrance; Ron Owens, commander, American Legion Post 187, Gardena; and Red Gage, commander, AMVETS, Torrance.

Melvin Sparks explained that the purpose of "Hire a Veteran Week," an annual event in California, is to emphasize occupational qualifications of veterans of the armed forces and encourage employers to make maximum use of this highly qualified labor force.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think a sixth grade education should be required for voting?" the Pennies photographer asked persons in Rolling Hills Plaza.

Mrs. Lawrence Jino, Palos Verdes Estates: "The sixth grade is one of the more important years in school. The sixth grade is a good academic year to draw the line. I think people should know more about the candidates before they vote."

Richard Folk, 5613 Calle De Ricardo: "I don't think it is a bad thing. I think what they are trying to do is eliminate inequality in voting rights in some states. It seems like it wouldn't be a bad idea to require a sixth grade education."

Mrs. William Kudlemyer Jr., 26011 Appian Way: "No I don't think so. People have to have some type of education before being allowed to vote otherwise they wouldn't know what they are voting for."

Bob McGrath, Stockton: "No, I don't think so. People should be allowed to vote no matter what their education is. With the news media such as television and radio people know of the issues. It's just not the written word anymore."

Tom Revels, 5226 Emerald St.: "I don't see why. I don't think education has much to do with it anymore. Sometimes the fellow with little education makes more sense than one with an education."

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PARADE FEATURE . . . Members of the precision drill team from the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, will be featured unit in the Armed Forces Day parade May 19. The 25-man unit, noted for spectacular marching and manual of arms ability, has never been beaten in drill competition. Lt. Cmdr. J. R. Lipponcott is in charge of the team. (U. S. Navy Photo)